

AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF M. BEATRIZ ARIAS, PH. D., TO CONDUCT A HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND OFFER AN EXPERT OPINION OF COMPLIANCE UNDER THE DESEGREGATION CONSENT DECREE

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Continued retention of the expert services of M. Beatriz Arias, Ph.D.

DESCRIPTION: The Board authorized a focused analysis of the district's progress in achieving the goals of the federal desegregation consent decree to which it has been subject since 1980. The law department has retained several individuals to serve as experts in various education-related disciplines. M. Beatriz Arias, Ph.D. comes highly recommended as a nationally respected expert in the bilingual education area. Additional authorization in the amount of \$15,000 is requested.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: Charge \$15,000.00 to Law Department - Legal and Supportive Services - Professional Services: Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2002 0014-210-000-1011-5410

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

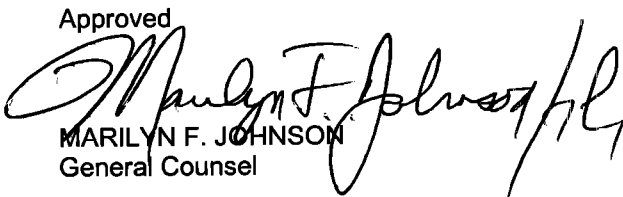
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

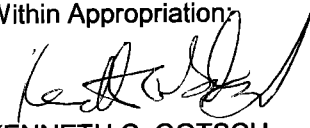
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995, (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995, (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved

MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel

Within Appropriation:

KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer